





# THE TRIBUNE.



**IN UNION THERE IS STRENGTH.**

DANVILLE, KY., Friday Morning, Feb. 18, 1853.

**FAIR ON THE 22d.**—The Ladies of the Methodist Church, will hold a Fair at the Court house on Tuesday next. A sumptuous dinner will be prepared at the usual hour, and at night an oyster supper will be served. The refreshment table will be well filled with the delicacies of the season, together with fancy articles, &c. The proceeds are to be used in a commendable manner, and we hope the Fair will be well patronized.

## The Congressional Canvass.

We publish in another column, a letter from Col. Thos. E. BRAMLETTE, in answer to one of the numerous calls made upon him to become the Whig candidate for Congress in this District. This letter breathes the right spirit, and is such as we would expect from Col. Bramlette. He is a true Whig, and values the success of the glorious principles of the Whig party far above the promptings of personal ambition. He will become a candidate, however, if chosen by the convention, or given the task without a Whig competitor.

**Major WARD** is, we believe, understood to be a candidate for re-election. The Major has made a good representative, and our accounts from the capitol are very much in his favor. He has many warm and admiring friends in the district, and he deserves them; but we suppose that they will all agree to any plan which is calculated to secure the greatest good to the party.

There may be other Whigs whose friends desire them to become candidates for this district; but, be this as it may, there are already two, which is just one more than is wanted. The Somerset Gazette, in the remarks which we publish from that paper preceding Col. Bramlette's letter, proposes to obtain an expression of the wishes of the district in regard to a candidate, by holding a district convention at Monicello, on the 3d May-day in April. We have ever objected to the holding of conventions, if they can be well avoided; but of one is indispensable, to prevent the plurality of Whig candidates, we of course acquiesce to such a necessity. But we would beg leave, in this case, to suggest to our friend of the Gazette, and the Whigs of the district, that all action in reference to a convention, be postponed for a few weeks at least, and perhaps in that time some arrangements may be made which will secure harmony among the friends of the different candidates, and be satisfactory to all concerned. These conventions, as a general thing, are productive of much ill feeling, and the friends of disappointed aspirants rarely enter into the support of the one chosen with that zeal which should characterize true Whigs. We repeat, then, that we would be glad to see the Whigs of this district avoid them, if it can be done without endangering the success of our cause. Our own feelings may lead us to prefer one man to another, but let the Whig candidate be who he may, if he possesses the proper qualifications, none will be found more zealous in his support than ourselves.

If a convention, however, is to be held at all, would not either Liberty or Jamestown, being near the centre of the district, preferable to Monicello?

**KENTUCKY FLAG.**—A. D. MACEIRA, Esq., has become associate editor of the Covington Flag. He is of course a thoroughbred Democrat, and, judging from his "honest editorial," will prove of much advantage to the paper.

**SENATOR DIXON.**—We learn that the Hon. A. Dixon arrived at Henderson Sunday evening last, on the steamer Gen. Pike.

**THE FLORIDA WAR.**—It is said that about 1000 volunteers are prepared, in Florida, to take the field against the Seminole Indians, whenever the authorities say the word. The N. O. Delta has late advised, but makes no mention of the report that Billy Bowlegs had declared war against the United States, nor any reference to a massacre of troops, as stated in the Savannah papers.

**Georgia is a model state.** She has 860 miles of railroad in operation.—Her credit is of the highest order, her six per cent bonds selling at a heavy premium, and she now gives notice of her readiness to pay the interest on her bonds for the next six months in advance.

**THE FLOOD EAST.**—The Philadelphia papers mention that the recent flood in the Susquehanna river has proved very disastrous. All communication to the various towns on the river, by land or telegraph, having been cut off in consequence; the destruction of property has been immense.

**COUNTING THE VOTE.**—A Washington despatch of the 9th inst., says: "The Senate and House convened to-day in the House, for the purpose of counting the vote for President and Vice President. The galleries were filled with spectators. The returns were read, and upon joint motion Franklin Pierce and W. R. King were announced as President and Vice President for four years from the 4th of March." Committees from both Houses were then appointed to wait upon Gen. Pierce, and inform him of his election.

**GRAHAM'S MAGAZINE.**—Graham for March comes to us loaded as usual with the gems of American literature. This number is an unusually large one, and contains many articles of rare merit. It seems, that Graham's severe, though just criticism of "Uncle-Tom's-story" directed more particularly at the effect produced by such works as that of Mrs. Stowe, has brought upon him the undeserved censure of some of the fanatical abolition editors, and in the March number he answers them in a manner well calculated to cool their ardor.

That Uncle Tom's Cabin has injured the social standing of this country abroad, cannot be denied. It is quoted all over the European continent as showing in true colors, the treatment of the blacks in every Southern State, in every dwelling, and on every plantation, and in some of the States of Europe an American Slaveholder is looked upon as a perfect cannibal in feeling, and not quite as much deserving of social regard as a brute. That some persons treat slaves badly in every portion of the country where they are held, no one can deny, but as for Mrs. Stowe's book being a true sketch of the system of slavery as practiced generally in this country, nothing can be more false and absurd.

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Mr. KING'S HEALTH.—Mr. King reached Havana on the 6th inst., in improved health.

**VALENTINES.**—About seven or eight hundred Valentines passed through the post office at this place on Monday last.

**GEN. PIERCE.**—The President elect arrived at Boston, en route for the Capitol on the 14th. He was privately received, as he requests to be all along his route.

**WANT.**—The city council of Lexington has fixed the price of license to sell liquor in that city at \$500.

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The letter breathes the right spirit, and shows a patriotic devotion to the interest of the Whig party. Col. Bramlette possesses the entire confidence of the Whigs of the District, and would reflect credit upon his constituents, if properly appropriated, to have erected a prison sufficient for all the purposes for which it was intended, and that, too, in a suitable location, not in an out of the way place, thereby inviting, as it were, the friends of prisoners to assist them in escaping.

We trust that some mode will be adopted by which the wishes of the District may be expressed. We suggest the propriety of holding a convention in Monticello, at the April Term of the Wayne Circuit Court, which will be the third Monday. Let the meetings be held in March, to appoint Delegates to the Convention.

It will be a saving of money to procure a lot in a suitable place, and get some mechanic this time, to erect a jail,

one that will need no patchwork. Let

We should like to have the views of our neighbor at the Danville Tribune, and of all others interested. We have no preference as to the mode, but we believe a convention the best, under present circumstances.

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